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SUBJECT: USGS COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT

REF: ALGIERS 0142

1. USGS RECEIVED FOLLOWING COMMERCIAL CABLE:
QUOTE

AFIN DONNER SUITE A L EXECUTION DU CONTRAT NR 963/DGPEJ
PASSE ENTRE VOS SERVICES ET LES MIENS VOUS DEMANDONS DE ME
FAIRE PARVENIR DES RECEPTION DU PRESENT TELEX UNE DEMANDE
DE TRANSFERT C EST A DIRE LE CALCUL DES SOMMES A REGLER EN
DOLLARS ET DES SOMMES A REGLER EN DINARS DE PROCEDER A L
OUVERTURE D UN COMPTE INTERIEUR NON RESIDENT AUPRES DE LA
BANQUE NATIONALE D ALGERIE CECI EST INDISPENSABLE POUR LE
REGLEMENT DE VOS PRESTATIONS EN CAS DIFFICULTES VOUS PRIE
DEPECHEZ AGENT DUMENT MANDATE PAR VOS SERVICES POUR PRO-
CEDER A CES DERNIERES MODALITES STOP SALUTATIONS ET FIN
MONSIEUR LE SECRETAIRE D ETAT A L HYDRAULIQUE ALGER
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2. QUOTED BELOW IS USGS' REPLY ALSO TRANSMITTED VIA
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COMMERCIAL CABLE:

QUOTE
REFERENCE YOUR CABLE DATED JANUARY 16, 1977, RELATIVE
CONTRACT NO. 963/DGPES. IT IS REQUESTED THAT A U.S.
DOLLAR CHECK PAYABLE TO THE U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY IN THE
AMOUNT OF 200,000 DOLLARS TO COVER ADVANCE AS STIPULATED

IN ITEM 14, ARTICLE IX.A. OF AMENDMENT NO. 1, DATED
APRIL 16, 1976, BE FORWARDED TO U.S. EMBASSY, ALGIERS.
IF YOU HAVE ANY DIFFICULTY RELATIVE TO TRANSFER OF U.S.
DOLLAR CHECK, AND DINAR ACCOUNT, PLEASE CONTACT MR. SHIRL
MCARTHUR, ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL OFFICER, U.S. EMBASSY,
ALGIERS. UNQUOTE

3. PLEASE NOTE IN MINISTRY'S CABLE REFERENCE TO DINARS
WHICH USGS ASSUMES IS RELATIVE TO ITEM 8, ARTICLE VI OF
REVISED AMENDMENT NO. 1, DATED APRIL 16, 1976, WHICH
STATES THAT THE MINISTRY WILL PROVIDE LODGINGS, MEALS AND
TRANSPORTATION FOR USGS PERSONNEL WHILE IN ALGERIA. IF
THIS ASSUMPTION IS CORRECT, USGS CANNOT ESTIMATE AMOUNT
DINARS NEEDED WITHOUT KNOWING PREVAILING COSTS IN ALGIERS
OF THESE ITEMS. USGS ANTICIPATES THAT DURING FIRST
QUARTER OF AGREEMENT PERIOD THREE USGS SPECIALISTS WILL
VISIT ALGERIA FOR PERIOD NOT TO EXCEED ONE MONTH EACH AND
ASSUMES THEY WOULD NEED ONLY DINARS FOR THEIR EXPENSES
WHILE IN ALGERIA. USGS DOES NOT BELIEVE THEY CAN UTILIZE
DINAR ACCOUNT ESTABLISHED AS CITED BY MINISTER. THEY
ASSUMED MINISTRY WOULD MERELY PAY DIRECTLY FOR THESE
ITEMS.

4. USGS WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY CONTACTING MINISTER TO
RESOLVE ANY PROBLEMS RELATIVE TO HAVING THE AGREEMENT
PLACED IN FORCE.
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